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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Site A-80 : Command or Air Force 9AF Group 406th Fighter Gp : Squadron 514 Ftr Sq (SE) : Detachment - - - - -
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Site A-80 : Course Base to Tgt 089° Target or Intended Destination Saarbrucken : Type Mission Ground Support
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 10/10 9000 ft to 9500 ft: Visibility unlimited
4. GIVE: (a) Day 17 Month Dec Year 1944 : Time 1622 : and Location 0382814 midway bet Saarlouis & Dilsburg * of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted ( ): Last contacted by radio ( ): Forced down ( ): Seen to Crash (x): or Information not available( )
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft ( ): Enemy Anti-Aircraft (x): Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P47D-28RE : AAF Serial Number 42-28904
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-59 : AAF Serial Number FP-006676
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): 50 cal Mach Guns
   (a) 1479518 : (b) 1479344 : (c) 1479006 : (d) 1479062
   (e) 1478937 : (f) 1479623 : (g) 1478969 : (h) 1479327
   (i) _____ : (j) _____ : (k) _____ : (l) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 : Passengers 0 : Total 1
    (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot	YOCHUM, Charles Donald	2nd Lt	0821585	MIA
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. PHEBUS, William B.	1st Lt	0701800			x	
2.						
3.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes : (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY. INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT No search made

Date of Report: 15 December 1944.

Jerome M. Weinberg

JEROME M. WEINBERG, Major, AC, Adjutant.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

* The coordinate shown on reverse side is the coordinate where plane crashed. The parachute was observed at Q376382.

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PILOT'S STATEMENT

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17 December 1944.

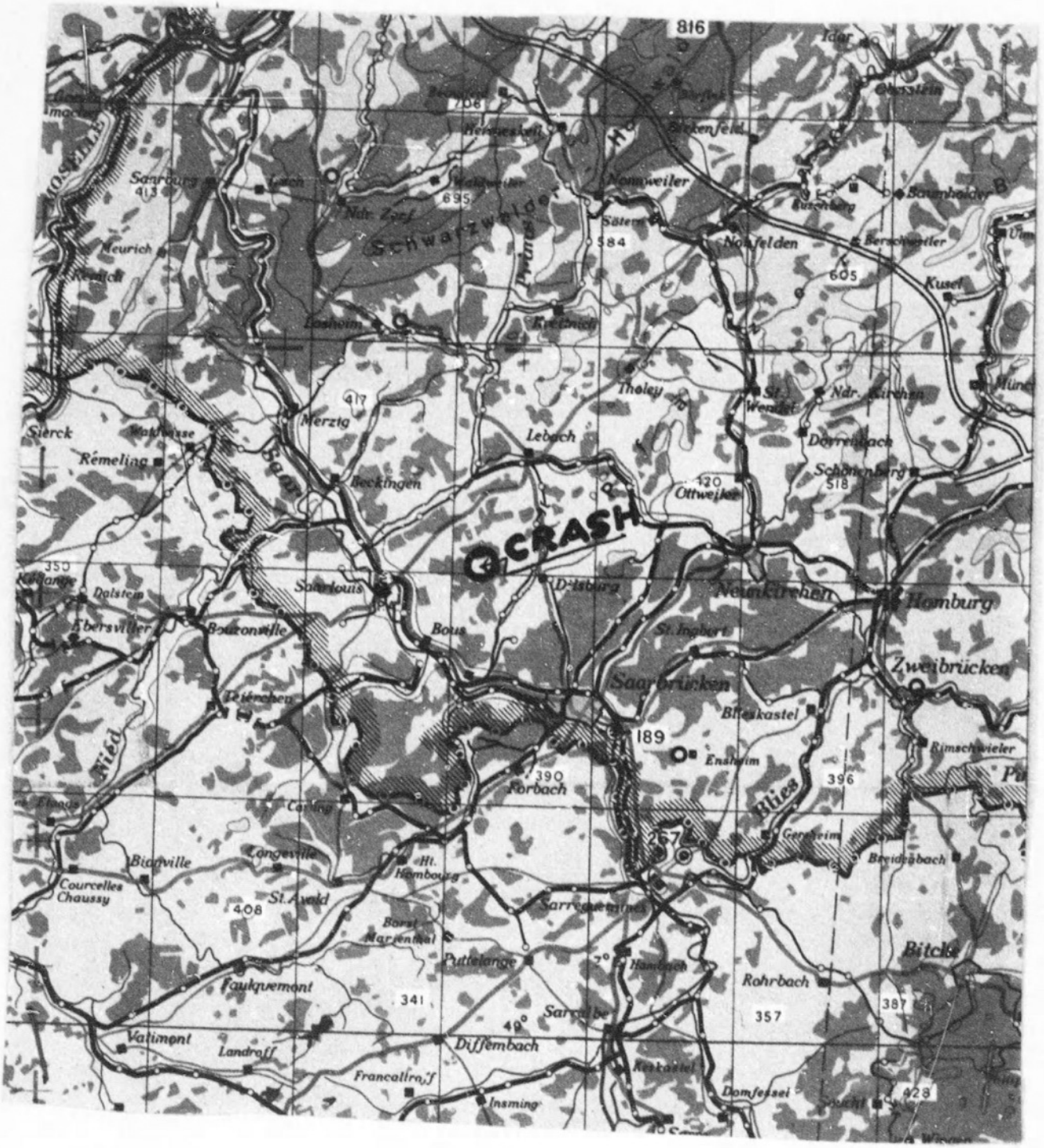
We had just finished bombing and were straffing a gun position when Lt. Yochum was hit. I was flying top cover watching Red and Blue Flights work. I had just looked up from my maps when I saw the plane in flames. I watched for a chute, but saw nothing. After the ship crashed and exploded, I circled to pin point the position. It was then I noticed a parachute floating toward the ground. It landed about 1500 yards from the plane. There was no ground activity noticed at the time.

William R. Phebus

WILLIAM R. PHEBUS,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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LT YOCHUM, CHARLES D. [redacted] 17-12-44



MAP REF. 1:500 000 STRASBOURG 48/6

Q 376382 scene of CRASH.

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